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We believe we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled "**BARBECUE GRILL ASSEMBLY WITH A SHELF COMPONENT**", which was filed on August 10, 2001 as United States Application Number 09/927,897. The attorneys of record in said application for patent are hereby authorized and requested by the undersigned to insert the filing date and Serial Number thereof in the places provided therefor.

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